



Vegetables

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Asparagus Production Up 20 Percent from 2015

Strawberry Production Down 7 Percent from 2015

Onion Production Up 8 Percent from 2015

Contracted Processing Production Down 7 Percent from 2015

Production of the 2016 asparagus crop is forecast at 821,000 cwt, up 20 percent from 2015. Area harvested, at 23,000 acres, is down 2 percent from last year.

Strawberry production in the United States is forecast at 28.9 million cwt, down 7 percent from 2015. Area harvested, at 53,300 acres, is down 8 percent from last year. Strawberry yield is forecast at 541 cwt per acre, up 9 cwt from 2015.

Production of the 2016 onion crop is forecast at 73.0 million cwt, up 8 percent from 2015. Onion growers expect to harvest 134,100 acres in 2016, up 1 percent from last year. The average yield, at 544 cwt per acre, is 37 cwt above 2015.

The 2016 contracted processing vegetable production for the four major processing crops (snap beans, sweet corn, green peas, and tomatoes) is forecast at 17.0 million tons, down 7 percent from last year. Production of processing tomatoes, at 13.3 million tons, is down 9 percent from last year. Snap bean production, at 748,280 tons, is up 1 percent from last year's production. Sweet corn production, at 2.56 million tons, is up 7 percent from last year. Green pea production, at 314,880 tons, is down 23 percent from the previous year. Contracted area for harvest of the four major processing vegetable crops, at 870,260 acres, is 6 percent below 2015.

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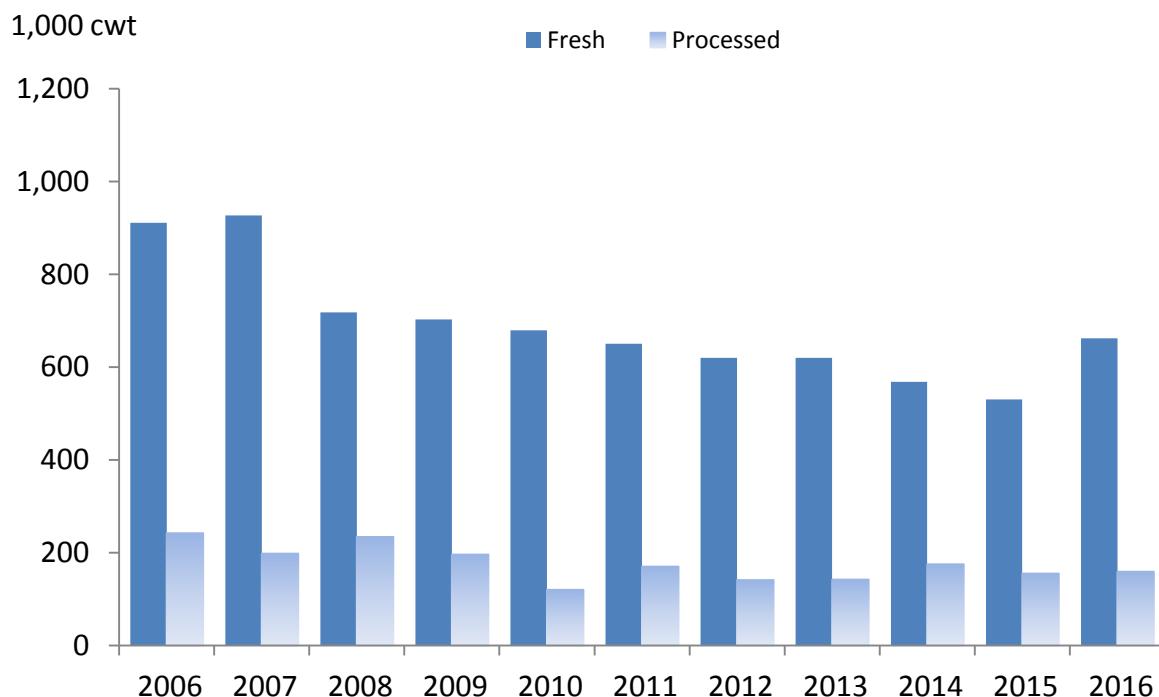
Asparagus Comments

Asparagus: Production from the 2016 asparagus crop is forecast at 821,000 cwt, up 20 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 23,000 acres, is down 2 percent from 2015. Total value of the crop, at 89.7 million dollars, is up 19 percent from 2015. Fresh production of 662,000 cwt is up 25 percent from a year ago. Processed production, at 7,940 tons, is up 2 percent from 2015.

In California, rain during the winter helped to rejuvenate from the drought the State experienced last year. The harvest of the asparagus crop began in late February and was complete in most areas of the State by early June. Yields are expected to be excellent this year. In Washington, asparagus acres continue a decade long trend of declining acres, while yields were much higher due to the varieties planted. In Michigan, growers reported cool temperatures early in the season which impacted crop development and harvest, however yields were only slightly down from last year.

Beginning in 2016, New Jersey was added to the estimation program.

Asparagus Production - United States: 2006-2016



Asparagus Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

State	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
California	11,300	9,500	10,800	9,000
Michigan	10,000	10,200	8,900	9,200
New Jersey ¹	(NA)	1,500	(NA)	1,400
Washington	4,000	3,600	3,800	3,400
United States	25,300	24,800	23,500	23,000
State	Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	27	36	290	324
Michigan	26	25	228	230
New Jersey ¹	(NA)	40	(NA)	56
Washington	44	62	167	211
United States	29	36	685	821
State	Price per cwt		Value of production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
California	139.00	128.00	40,310	41,472
Michigan	86.60	87.10	19,754	20,030
New Jersey ¹	(NA)	171.00	(NA)	9,576
Washington	93.30	88.30	15,584	18,625
United States	110.00	109.00	75,648	89,703

(NA) Not available.

¹ Estimates began in 2016.

Asparagus Production, Price, and Value by Utilization – States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

Utilization and State	Production			
	2015	2016		
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)		
Fresh market				
California ¹	290	324		
Michigan	(D)	(D)		
New Jersey ²	(NA)	56		
Washington	(D)	(D)		
Other States	240	282		
United States	530	662		
	(tons)	(tons)		
Processing				
California	(NA)	-		
Michigan	(D)	(D)		
New Jersey ²	(NA)	-		
Washington	(D)	(D)		
Other States	7,750	7,940		
United States	7,750	7,940		
Utilization and State	Price per unit		Value of production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Fresh market				
California ¹	139.00	128.00	40,310	41,472
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Jersey ²	(NA)	171.00	(NA)	9,576
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States	94.00	90.40	22,560	25,494
United States	119.00	116.00	62,870	76,542
	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Processing				
California	(NA)	-	(NA)	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Jersey ²	(NA)	-	(NA)	-
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States	1,650.00	1,660.00	12,778	13,161
United States	1,650.00	1,660.00	12,778	13,161

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes a small amount of processing asparagus for 2015.

² Estimates began in 2016.

Strawberry Comments

Strawberries: Strawberry production in the United States is forecast at 28.9 million cwt, down 7 percent from 2015. Area harvested, at 53,300 acres, is down 8 percent from last year. The average yield, at 541 cwt per acre, is up 9 cwt from 2015.

In California, growers experienced ideal weather conditions, but production volumes slightly lower than 2015 due to planned reduction in production.

In Florida, wet conditions during the growing season presented some disease issues that have been common over the last few years. Acreage remains steady when compared with the previous year.

Beginning in 2016, estimates were discontinued in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Strawberry Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

[Includes fresh market and processing]

Season and State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California	40,500	38,500	690	678	27,909	26,100
Florida	10,900	10,900	225	220	2,442	2,398
Michigan ¹	650	(NA)	43	(NA)	28	(NA)
New York	800	800	36	35	29	28
North Carolina	1,100	1,200	130	120	143	144
Ohio ¹	540	(NA)	43	(NA)	23	(NA)
Oregon	1,400	1,100	111	94	155	103
Pennsylvania ¹	600	(NA)	57	(NA)	34	(NA)
Washington	910	800	77	100	70	80
Wisconsin ¹	610	(NA)	55	(NA)	34	(NA)
United States	58,010	53,300	532	541	30,867	28,853

(NA) Not available.

¹ Estimates discontinued in 2016.

Onion Comments

Onions: Production of onions in 2016 is forecast at 73.0 million cwt, up 8 percent from last year. The crop covers 134,100 harvested acres, up 1 percent from 2015. The average yield, at 544 cwt per acre, is 37 cwt above 2015.

In Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, weather conditions have been favorable compare to last year. Reports indicate irrigated vegetable crops are doing well. With better access to water, yields are expected to increase from last year.

In California, while lack of water for irrigation persists, the warm temperatures in mid-May benefited the crop and harvest is ongoing.

In Texas, onions are doing extremely well in comparison to last year. Yields are up and beneficial dry weather occurred at harvest.

Beginning in 2016, estimates were discontinued for Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Utah, and Wisconsin.

Onion Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Shrinkage and Loss – States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Season and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)
California	45,800	45,900	44,200	44,300	445	445
Colorado	3,800	3,900	3,200	3,600	460	390
Georgia	12,300	12,400	11,200	11,400	240	260
Idaho	8,000	10,000	8,000	9,900	720	740
Michigan ¹	2,500	(NA)	2,400	(NA)	330	(NA)
Nevada ¹	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
New Mexico	5,200	6,000	5,100	5,900	640	610
New York	7,800	7,300	7,500	7,100	345	320
Ohio ¹	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Oregon	19,000	21,000	18,500	20,800	705	747
Malheur county	9,400	10,000	9,200	9,900	760	810
All other counties	9,600	11,000	9,300	10,900	650	690
Texas	10,700	10,000	4,300	8,200	207	254
Utah	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Washington	22,000	23,000	21,900	22,900	662	790
Wisconsin ¹	1,600	(NA)	1,500	(NA)	430	(NA)
Other States ²	5,200	-	5,100	-	409	-
United States	143,900	139,500	132,900	134,100	507	544
Season and State	Production			Shrinkage and loss ³		
	2015	2016		2015	2016	
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)		(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	
California	19,665	19,714		250		
Colorado	1,472	1,404		110		
Georgia	2,688	2,964		-		
Idaho	5,760	7,326		829		
Michigan ¹	792	(NA)		79		
Nevada ¹	(D)	(NA)		-		
New Mexico	3,264	3,600		-		
New York	2,588	2,272		285		
Ohio ¹	(D)	(NA)		(D)		
Oregon	13,037	15,540		2,118		
Malheur county	6,992	8,019		909		
All other counties	6,045	7,521		1,209		
Texas	890	2,083		-		
Utah ¹	(D)	(NA)		(D)		
Washington	14,491	18,100		947		
Wisconsin ¹	645	(NA)		5		
Other States ²	2,088	-		95		
United States	67,380	73,003		4,718		

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Onion Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Shrinkage and Loss – States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016 (continued)

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Season and State	Price per cwt ³		Total value ³	
	2015 (dollars)	2016 (dollars)	2015 (1,000 dollars)	2016 (1,000 dollars)
California	11.70		227,632	
Colorado	20.90		28,466	
Georgia	45.30		121,766	
Idaho	10.10		49,803	
Michigan ¹	14.10		10,053	
Nevada ¹	(D)		(D)	
New Mexico	28.00		91,392	
New York	17.60		40,533	
Ohio ¹	(D)		(D)	
Oregon	11.50		125,273	
Malheur county	10.10		61,438	
All other counties	13.20		63,835	
Texas	26.15		23,271	
Utah ¹	(D)		(D)	
Washington	15.70		212,506	
Wisconsin ¹	16.60		10,624	
Other States ²	26.10		52,041	
United States	15.90		993,360	

- Represents zero.

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¹ Estimates discontinued in 2016.

² Includes data withheld above.

³ Shrinkage and loss, price, and total value for 2016 will be published in the *Vegetables 2016 Summary* released February 2017.

Processing Crop Comments

Snap beans: Contracted production of snap beans is forecast at 748,280 tons, up 1 percent from last year. Contracted harvested area is up 1 percent from last year and yield is up slightly from 2015. In Wisconsin, reports of low insect and disease prone in comparison to last year, and fewer weather events have led to above average yields.

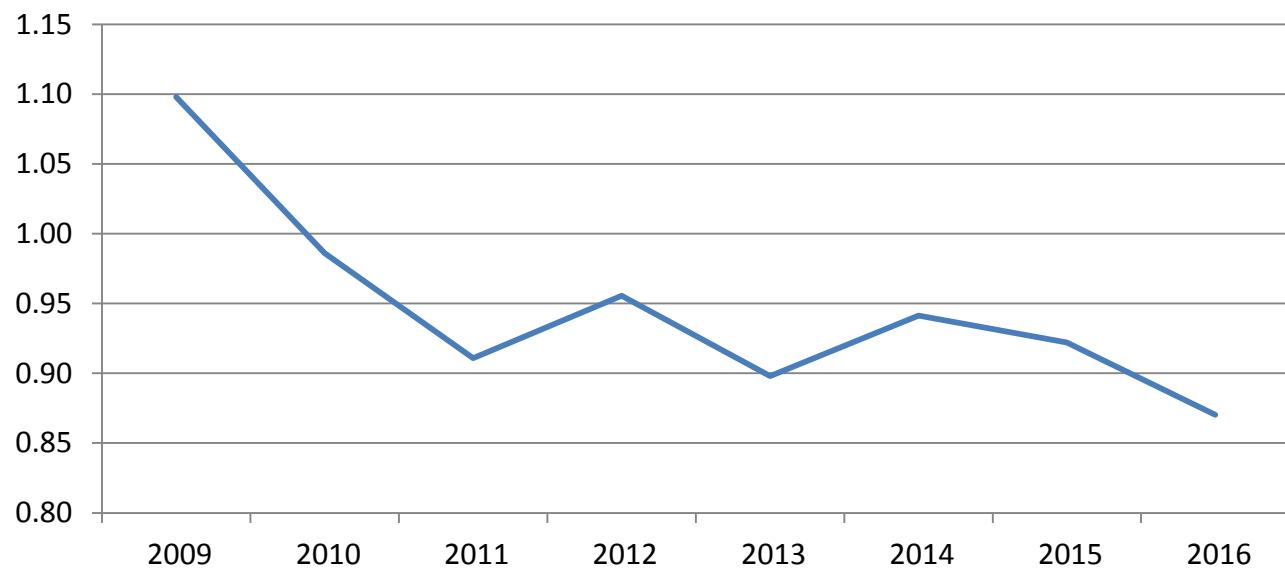
Sweet corn: Contracted sweet corn production is forecast at 2.56 million tons, up 7 percent from last year. An increase of 2 percent in contracted harvested area is expected along with an increase in yield of 0.46 ton per acre from 2015. In Oregon and Washington, weather conditions have been good for vegetable crops. In Minnesota and Wisconsin, processors reported average to above average yields.

Green peas: Contracted production is forecast at 314,880 tons, down 23 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 141,200 acres, is down 15 percent from 2015. The expected yield, at 2.23 tons per acre, is down 0.24 ton per acre from a year ago.

Tomatoes: Contracted tomato production is forecast at 13.3 million tons, down 9 percent from last year. Contracted harvested area is down 11 percent, but yield is up 1.11 tons per acre from last year. In California, processors have reported that the crop looks average overall. Some growers are having an issue with curly top disease. Shipments in early August are 20.5 percent lower than last season. Beginning in 2016, New Jersey and South Carolina were added to the program.

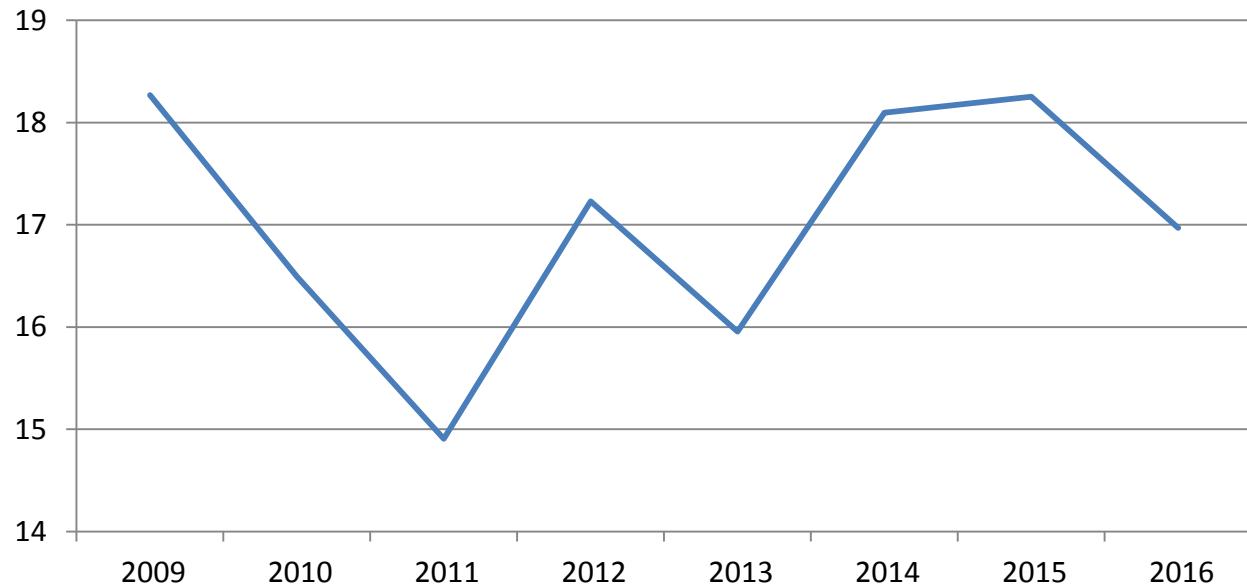
Contracted Area Harvested for Four Major Processing Vegetables - United States: Snap beans, Sweet corn, Green peas, and Tomatoes

Million acres



Contracted Production for Four Major Processing Vegetables - United States: Snap beans, Sweet corn, Green peas, and Tomatoes

Million tons



Processing Vegetable Area Harvested and Production by Crop – United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016 (Domestic Units)

Crop	Area harvested		
	2015		2016
	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹
Snap beans	(acres) 158,920	(acres) 153,720	(acres) 155,060
Sweet corn	307,500	292,600	299,380
Green peas	166,200	166,200	141,200
Tomatoes	310,600	309,600	274,620
Total	943,220	922,120	870,260
Crop	Production		
	2015		2016
	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹
Snap beans	(tons) 764,900	(tons) 742,900	(tons) 748,280
Sweet corn	2,488,110	2,398,850	2,558,551
Green peas	411,320	411,320	314,880
Tomatoes	14,754,350	14,700,350	13,348,360
Total	18,418,680	18,253,420	16,970,071

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

Processing Vegetable Area Harvested and Production by Crop – United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016 (Metric Units)

Crop	Area harvested		
	2015		2016
	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹
Snap beans	(hectares) 64,310	(hectares) 62,210	(hectares) 62,750
Sweet corn	124,440	118,410	121,160
Green peas	67,260	67,260	57,140
Tomatoes	125,700	125,290	111,140
Total ²	381,710	373,170	352,190
Crop	Production		
	2015		2016
	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹
Snap beans	(metric tons) 693,900	(metric tons) 673,940	(metric tons) 678,820
Sweet corn	2,257,160	2,176,190	2,321,070
Green peas	373,140	373,140	285,650
Tomatoes	13,384,850	13,335,860	12,109,370
Total ²	16,709,060	16,559,140	15,394,910

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

Snap Beans for Processing Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

State	Area harvested			
	2015		2016	
	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹	
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	
California	(D)	(D)	-	
Delaware	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Florida	(D)	(D)	700	
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Indiana	3,600	3,600	3,000	
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Michigan	16,000	16,000	17,000	
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	-	
New York	(D)	(D)	20,100	
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Oregon	(D)	(D)	11,900	
Pennsylvania	5,300	5,300	11,700	
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Washington	(D)	(D)	-	
Wisconsin	65,300	65,300	66,800	
Other States ²	68,720	63,520	23,860	
United States	158,920	153,720	155,060	
	Yield per acre		Production	
State	2015	2016	2015	
	Total	Contract ¹	Total	Contract ¹
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
California	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Delaware	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	(D)	4.70	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	3.78	4.10	13,620	13,620
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	4.45	4.60	71,200	71,200
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	3.95	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	(D)	7.75	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	4.40	3.90	23,330	23,330
Tennessee	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	5.05	5.10	329,530	329,530
Other States ²	4.76	4.05	327,220	305,220
United States	4.81	4.83	764,900	742,900
- Represents zero.				

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Includes data withheld above and/or data for States not listed in this table for 2015.

Sweet Corn for Processing Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

State	Area harvested			
	2015		2016	
	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹	
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
California		(D)	(D)	-
Delaware		(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida		(D)	(D)	-
Georgia		(D)	(D)	-
Idaho		(D)	(D)	-
Illinois		(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana		(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland		(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan		(D)	(D)	-
Minnesota	103,200		103,200	112,000
New Jersey		(D)	(D)	(D)
New York		(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio		(D)	(D)	-
Oregon	21,200		21,200	21,700
Pennsylvania		(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	78,800		78,800	71,800
Wisconsin	60,700		60,700	60,900
Other States ²	43,600		28,700	32,980
United States	307,500		292,600	299,380
State	Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	Total	Contract ¹	Total	Contract ¹
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
California	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Delaware	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	7.38	7.35	761,320	761,320
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Ohio	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon	9.37	10.10	198,610	198,610
Pennsylvania	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	9.17	10.45	722,240	722,240
Wisconsin	8.08	8.49	490,230	490,230
Other States ²	7.24	7.60	315,710	226,450
United States	8.09	8.55	2,488,110	2,398,850
- Represents zero.				

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¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Includes data withheld above and/or data for States not listed in this table for 2015.

Green Peas for Processing Area Harvested and Contracted – States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

State and utilization	Harvested			
	2015		2016	
	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹	
Delaware ²	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA) (D)
Minnesota	48,500		48,500	48,400
New York	(D)		(D)	(D)
Oregon	(D)		(D)	16,300
Washington	42,600		42,600	33,600
Wisconsin	34,300		34,300	28,200
Other States ³	40,800		40,800	14,700
United States	166,200		166,200	141,200
State and utilization	Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	Total	Contract ¹	Total	Contract ¹
Delaware ²	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Illinois	(D)	(NA) (D)	(D)	(D) (NA)
Minnesota	2.32	2.11	112,450	112,450 102,124
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D) (D)
Oregon	(D)	2.00	(D)	(D) 32,700
Washington	3.46	2.55	147,210	147,210 85,140
Wisconsin	2.37	2.38	81,120	81,120 67,116
Other States ³	1.73	1.89	70,540	70,540 27,800
United States	2.47	2.23	411,320	411,320 314,880

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(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Estimates discontinued in 2016.

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Tomatoes for Processing Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

State	Area harvested			
	2015		2016	
	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹	
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
California	296,000		295,000	258,000
Florida ²	(NA)		(NA)	-
Indiana	6,700		6,700	6,600
Michigan	3,200		3,200	3,400
New Jersey ²	(NA)		(NA)	(D)
North Carolina ²	(NA)		(NA)	-
Ohio	4,700		4,700	5,500
South Carolina ²	(NA)		(NA)	(D)
Tennessee ²	(NA)		(NA)	-
Virginia ²	(NA)		(NA)	-
Other States	-		-	1,120
United States	310,600		309,600	274,620

State	Yield per acre		Production		
	2015	2016	2015		2016
	Total	Contract ¹	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
California	48.52	49.61	14,361,000	14,307,000	12,800,000
Florida ²	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)	-
Indiana	28.60	34.70	191,620	191,620	229,020
Michigan	29.70	35.20	95,040	95,040	119,680
New Jersey ²	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)
North Carolina ²	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)	-
Ohio	22.70	30.50	106,690	106,690	167,750
South Carolina ²	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)
Tennessee ²	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)	-
Virginia ²	(NA)	-	(NA)	(NA)	-
Other States	-	28.49	-	-	31,910
United States	47.50	48.61	14,754,350	14,700,350	13,348,360

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Estimates began in 2016.

Statistical Methodology

Survey procedures: Grower and processor surveys are conducted in preparation for this report. Telephone follow-up of mail survey non-respondents is used to ensure adequate coverage. Other data are obtained via fax or personal interview.

Estimating procedures: Information obtained from the vegetable surveys along with administrative data is used to establish forecasts of area and production. These forecasts are reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates.

Revision policy: Vegetable forecasts will not be revised. End-of-season estimates are made following harvest and are subject to revision the following year based on a thorough review of all available data.

Reliability: Survey indications are subject to sampling variability because all operations growing vegetables are not included in the sample. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will be organizing an open forum for data users. The purpose will be to provide updates on pending changes in the various statistical and information programs and seek comments and input from data users. Other USDA agencies to be represented will include the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Economic Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. The Foreign Trade Division from the Census Bureau will also be included in the meeting.

For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Tina Hall (NASS) at 202-720-3896 or at tina.hall@nass.usda.gov.

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